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Mr.Eden.

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REFUGEES.

Ref 541/20/36. Copy is being sent to Consul-General Barcelona for such action as may be possible.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

7th January, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No.1427 (541/20/36) of the 31st December last regarding Count de Andino's desire to assist a young Spaniard in leaving Spain, I have to inform you that a copy of your despatch, with enclosure, is being forwarded to His Majesty's Consul-General at Barcelona, for such action as he may be able to take.

2. You will understand that full discretion must be left to His Majesty's Consul-General in cases involving Spanish nationals, in view of the fact that enquiries in many instances might do more harm than good to the persons concerned.

I am, with great truth and respect,
Sir,
Your Excellency's obedient Servant,
(For the Secretary of State)

Walter Roberts

His Excellency
Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
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THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to His Majesty's Representative at Cairo and, transmits herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,
7th January 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Cairo Chancery Letter No: 541/18/36 of 23rd Dec. 1936.

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
To Sir James Currie 7th January, 1937.	Desire of Mr & Mrs H. J. Meyer to take up employment in Egypt.

A similar despatch has been addressed to H.M. Representative / Consular Officer at

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

7th January, 1937.

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Dear Sir James,

You will remember writing to me on 27th November about Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, who wish to take up a post in Alexandria to teach physical culture and dancing.

I have had enquiries made, but find that the Egyptian Government do not wish to grant the permission asked for, as there are already more than enough teachers of physical culture in Egypt. This case had apparently already been raised and permission refused.

I am sorry that we cannot do more to help, but this is not the first time that we have failed in such cases.

Yours sincerely

(Sd.) RONALD CAMPBELL

Sir James Currie, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.

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Ref -/3. Is strongly averse to the grant of facilities to even temporary settlement of Amhara or Galla refugees. Proposes to detain party until arrangements can be made for their transfer.

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Subject to certain conditions the F.O. left the question of the admission of refugees from Abyssinia into the Sudan to the G.G's discretion. The policy enunciated in this tel. seems to me to be the right one. Repeat to F.O. ref

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From: Sir Stewart Symes,
From Governor-General
of the Sudan,
Khartoum.

To: Sir Miles Lampson,
To
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT
Cairo.

Despatched 1035 hrs 14.1.37
(Date and Time.)

Received 1800 hrs 14.1.37
(Date and Time.)

No. 8 Dated 14.1.37

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Foreign Office telegram No.19.

Policy tentatively adopted last summer was that no facilities should be offered to Ethiopians for entry except in transit since the uneducated classes tend to become a police problem while the educated classes would constitute political problem both locally and vis-à-vis the Italians.

Our experience in the cases of Imeru and the sons of Belatengheta Heroui has confirmed the wisdom of this course, and I am strongly averse to the granting of any facilities even temporary settlement of Amhara or Galla refugees.

In the present case I propose to detain the party at Roseires, where they are suitably accommodated, until arrangements can be made for their transfer to another country or their return to Ethiopia. With the establishment of friendly relations on the Sudan frontier the latter may prove possible except in the case of "wanted" persons.

Apart from them, there are in the Sudan at present only five known destitute Ethiopians for whose upkeep the Emperor has so far provided £100 and it is the intention that they should return to Ethiopia when conditions are more settled.

Though this policy must, of course, be subject to modification in exceptional cases, I feel that it is the best for general purposes.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL,
ALEXANDRIA.

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20th January, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No.142 of December 31 last (541/20/36), regarding Count de Andino, I have the honour to inform you that Mr Mora, referred to in my despatch R.118 of December 21st, has stated to me that his son, José Novellas Puig Mora, has succeeded in escaping from Spain and is at present in Genoa. He wishes to thank the British Authorities for the interest they displayed in this matter.

2. A copy of this despatch has been sent to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for information.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble servant,

C. Heathcote-Smith

His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary
and Envoy Plenipotentiary,
British Embassy,
Cairo.

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Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

Despatched 2215 hrs. 20.1. 37.
(Date and Time.)

To:
To Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
H.M. AMBASSADOR,
Cairo.

Received 0915 hrs. 21.1. 37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 44. Dated 20.1. 37.

Following for Khartoum:-

Your telegram No. 8 of January 14th to Cairo.

Please send by airmail as soon as possible comprehensive report on the situation in regard to refugees entering the Sudan from Ethiopia.

Report should include details as to the number of refugees who have so far crossed the frontier and the number which may be expected to do so in the future; the areas from which they have crossed; the native origin (whether Amhara or otherwise) of the refugees; and the provisions which you have made for dealing with them. Report should also state to what extent the refugees involve extra charge on the Sudan Government and whether financial assistance if obtainable from unofficial sources would be useful or desirable.

A full statement of the general policy of the Sudan Government in regard to this question would also be valuable. Have any refugees been definitely forbidden entry into the Sudan? If so, in what numbers?

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Report on the situation in regard to refugees entering the Sudan from Ethiopia and a statement of Sudan policy

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BY AIR MAIL.

KHARTOUM, 6th February 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Foreign Office telegram No.44 of 20th January last in which I have been asked to submit a comprehensive report on the situation in regard to refugees entering the Sudan from Ethiopia, and a statement of Sudan policy in that respect. I am also requested to state to what extent such refugees involve an extra charge on the Sudan Government and whether financial assistance, if obtainable from unofficial sources, would be useful or desirable.

2. The various situations with which the Sudan Government has been called upon to deal during the Italian conquest of Ethiopia have been of such kinds that it has been necessary to seek the advice of His Majesty's Government as circumstances have demanded with the object of taking measures suited to the political and humanitarian needs of the moment, rather than to follow a pre-ordained policy based on previous experience. The refugee problem (so far as it has existed) divides itself naturally into four divisions, which are more or less distinct as regards time and the areas involved:

I. February, 1935 to September, 1935, when hostilities between Italy and Ethiopia were expected and a provisional policy was framed for the disposal of refugees.

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His Excellency,
His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador,
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
The Embassy,
CAIRO.

II. October, 1935 to May, 1936, when the campaign in the North was in progress and Kassala Province alone was affected.

III. May, 1936 to October, 1936, when hostilities ceased with the rainy season and Gambeila became a channel of entry for refugees.

IV. November, 1936 to February, 1937 when the Italian occupation of Western Ethiopia was taking place and certain refugees crossed the Sudan border at Qeissan and Kurmuk in the Blue Nile Province.

The names and origins of refugees of Ethiopian extraction are set out in three corresponding Appendices attached to this despatch.

3. Period I. February to September, 1935.

A provisional policy for the disposal of refugees expected from Ethiopia or Eritrea was framed early in 1935 on the following lines: (A) Unarmed persons. These were expected to be principally local tribesmen of negroid extraction removing their families from disturbed areas; they were to be treated as ordinary immigrants and allowed to settle. It was thought that after a formal declaration of war some form of internment would be required for recognisable Eritreans and Ethiopians, if it were to prove impossible for political reasons to allow them to return across the border to their own countries.

(B) Armed persons. If these were to surrender their arms voluntarily it would be possible in most cases to treat them as unarmed persons up to the time of a declaration of war, but it was expected that if overt hostilities were in progress the granting of

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permission to such persons to return to their country might involve an infringement of neutrality obligations.

By September, 1935 arrangements for the reception and disposal of refugees in Kassala (estimated at a maximum of 300 armed and 2000 unarmed immigrants, including local negroids) had already been coordinated with the Sudan Defence Force and the departments concerned. The intention was that armed bodies should be detained for an undefined period in concentration camps, but that ordinary refugees would only be detained while under medical observation, and would then be permitted to settle or return to their country as they wished.

4. Period II. October 1935 to May 1936.

As events turned out no large influx of refugees requiring special measures took place, partly owing to the fact that there were no hostilities near the Sudan border and partly to the rapidity of the Italian advance down the border to Ethiopian Gallabat, which allowed no time for preliminary alarm among the population. Before April 1936 only two Ethiopians from Captia and a score of Sudanese or West Africans had entered Kassala Province, and when the occupatation of the Ethiopian village adjoining Gallabat took place only thirty one Amhara from Gondar, Gojjam, Beguemedir and Simien sought refuge on the Sudan side (Appendix A). The party which arrived with Kantiba Desta, the Mayor of Gondar, requested permission to return to Ethiopia via Roseires, and this was granted, though all arms were detained. Later in the year the Kantiba and some of his party again entered the Sudan from Sayo (Appendix B). Another party which arrived at Gallabat with one Asras Nugisi returned at their own request to Ethiopia via Kwara, which was not

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then in Italian occupation. All in the first instance were removed away from the frontier to Gedaref, where they were detained until instructions for their release were obtained by the District Commissioner, and all returned subsequently to Ethiopia with three exceptions, - one woman and two boys.

5. Period III. May 1936 to October 1936.

After the Italian occupation of Addis Ababa in May 1936, though many Amhara fled from the Central Plateau towards the west there was very little inclination to leave the country. The Italian advance was known to be held up by the rainy season and the roads were rendered unsafe by bandits. A provisional administration was formed at Gore where there was little danger to life at that time, and, with a few exceptions, those who wished to come to Khartoum had rather the object of establishing themselves and their families there pending a resumption of hostilities against the Italians than of seeking refuge. It was therefore necessary to examine the bona fides of Ethiopians wishing to take the river steamers from Gambeila, and though genuine applications for evacuation to the Sudan or for transit through the Sudan were not refused, several individuals (including two Sayo officials who had left with funds belonging to the Ethiopian Customs Department) were advised by the District Commissioner to go to Gore in the first instance.

The general policy adopted at the outset was that there was no objection to the presence in the Sudan of non-combatant refugees, provided that they did not abuse

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the hospitality extended to them by intriguing or attempting to organise (in Sudan territory) further resistance to the Italians in Ethiopia. In was at the same time recognised that if a very large influx of Amhara refugees, alien in character and culture to the Mohammedan Sudanese, were to arrive it would give rise to a very difficult administrative problem since there would be no rural or urban centre which could conveniently absorb them.

6. During this period, however, the main preoccupation was not with Ethiopians wishing to evacuate their country but with those already evacuated wishing to return to Gore for the organisation of either peace negotiations or further hostilities with the Italians. After serious consideration, in which the impropriety of permitting such movements through the Sudan was weighed against the feeling that the obstruction of free transit through the Sudan would be unjustified, transit visas were in fact issued to a number of high Ethiopian officials. For various reasons, including no doubt the strong anti-Amhara feeling among the Galla of Western Ethiopia, none of the more important officials availed himself of this permit.

The obscurity of the situation, and the need for caution on the part of the Sudan in handling these problems, are indicated by a formal request received on August 11th from the Gore Administration, through His Britannic Majesty's Consul, that in view of the settled conditions in Western Ethiopia all Ethiopian refugees resident in Palestine, Turkey and elsewhere should now return at once to Gore through the Sudan.

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7. An outstanding example of the abuse of assistance rendered to a person who was thought to be a bona fide refugee is afforded by the case of George (Fikada Sillassie) Herouy, son of the late Ethiopian Foreign Minister. At the urgent request of His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Gore, who had been assured that Mr. Herouy's life was in danger, he was conveyed from Gore to Malakal in an aircraft sent by the League of Nations Union to investigate conditions with regard to Red Cross work in Western Ethiopia. This was done without reference to the Sudan Government, and the propriety of the act was questioned; assurances were however received that the case was bona fide. After visiting London George Herouy returned again to the Sudan, declaring that his visit had been private and that he now wished to return to his family in Gore. Facilities were granted, but according to His Britannic Majesty's Consul he carried with him despatches and a bellicose policy which materially helped to change the situation in Western Ethiopia; and he was largely instrumental in altering the intentions of Ras Imeru and drawing him into fresh conflict with the Italians.

8. The individuals evacuated through Gambeila during this period are shown in Appendix B, in their several categories, indicating those who have remained in the Sudan, those who passed through in transit, and those to whom a permit to enter the Sudan was refused. The expected influx did not materialise, and, even at the beginning of October when Italian activities were being resumed, very few Ethiopians applied for evacuation by the Sudan steamer service. Even Greeks and other Europeans who had been advised by His

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Britannic Majesty's Consul to leave Western Ethiopia were reluctant to go, and several of them went to Sayo where they felt that their safety was assured on account of the attitude of the Galla chiefs.

9. Period IV. October 1936 to February 1937.

The fourth period for the purposes of this despatch, covering the Italian occupation of Western Ethiopia, has been characterised by a lack of sensational incident, so far as the area adjoining the Sudan is concerned. Military operations along the Sudan border have taken the form of a steady penetration into Beni Shangul from the north, with the prior agreement of the local chiefs, while large scale operations designed to deal with hostile Ethiopian combinations have been carried out by columns moving westwards from Addis Ababa. Nekempti, the principal town of Wallega was occupied in agreement with the Galla ruler, Hapte Mariam, while at Sayo and the Ethiopian village of Gambeila the way was also prepared in advance by the local Galla.

Conditions on the Sudan border were only disturbed by the internecine fighting of the nonagenarian Arab chief Sheikh Khogali Hassan with his neighbours, and this has resulted in the temporary immigration of some 1500 Arab, Berta and Koma refugees between Kurmuk and Daga Post. These have been readily accommodated by their friends and relations on the Sudan side, and though stocks of grain have been available for issue in case of need, no special relief measures have proved necessary, and the majority

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will probably return to their homes as soon as the exactions of Sheikh Khogali Hassan are no longer to be feared. It is possible that Sheikh Khogali himself and some other minor Arab chiefs may retire to the Sudan if deposed by the Italian authorities.

10. The number of Ethiopian refugees who have entered the Sudan through Qeissan and Kurmuk during this period is forty seven (Appendix C). All, with the exception of a few who returned independently to Ethiopia, were disarmed and removed to Roseires at a distance from the frontier, where suitable accommodation was available. None was forbidden entry, and none of them was destitute. There have moreover been no cases of wounded or sick refugees as might have been expected if there had been fighting near the Sudan frontier. Transport from the frontier to Roseires was either arranged by the refugees themselves or provided by empty Sudan Defence Force vehicles returning from Qeissan and Kurmuk.

Pending a decision as to the place of their future settlement these refugees are being detained at Roseires. The largest party is that of Belata Daressa, the late Governor of Guma Province, and this numbers fifteen persons. He has his own resources, amounting to between £.1500 and £.2000, and he has received telegraphic notification of the despatch of a sum of £.100 from the Ethiopian Foreign Minister in England. If their stay in the Sudan is prolonged they and the others will require small remittances from time to time, and the Sudan Government would be prepared to receive and distribute any such contributions. So far

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they have not become a charge on the Sudan Government, and the supply of funds or relief measures on a large scale from unofficial sources is unnecessary.

11. It will be apparent from the foregoing summary that a refugee problem in the ordinary sense of the word has not arisen, and that such persons as have entered the Sudan have involved either no extra charge or only negligible expenditure. With the almost complete occupation of Western Ethiopia by the Italian forces it is not expected that any further large influx will take place, though discontented individuals or parties of fugitives may cross the frontier from time to time. The occupation of Maji in the extreme south west may result in the arrival of a few Amhara in the Boma Plateau area. Some of the Amhara and Galla may wish to return to Ethiopia when conditions are more settled; the disposal of the others, if any, must await consideration in the light of circumstances, but it is unlikely that the Sudan Government will be able or willing to absorb large numbers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble and obedient Servant,

Civil Secretary,
for GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE SUDAN.
(Absent on duty).

APPENDIX A. PERIOD II. OCTOBER 1935 - MAY 1936.

Nominal roll of Ethiopian refugees who entered Kassala Province, Sudan.

All were Amhara or Tigre. Persons of Sudanese or West African origin who returned to the Sudan from Ethiopia on the outbreak of War are not included.

No.	NAME.	DISTRICT OF ORIGIN.	PLACE AND DATE OF ENTRY.	DISPOSAL.
1.	Burhani Zannaba	Captia	Um Bregie, 15.11.35	Returned to Abyssinia.
2.	Radda Marcha	"	Um Bregie, 14.11.35	" " "
3.	Asras Nugisi	Takossa	Gallabat, 12. 4.36	" " "
4.	Taganga Tasfai	"	" "	" " "
5.	Agaja Abata	Gendoe	" "	" " "
6.	Kassa Wandi Honanj	"	" "	" " "
7.	Kassetie Ayella	"	" "	" " "
8.	Kantiba Desta	Gondar	" 3. 4.36	" " "
9.	Bagarond Boggala	"	" "	" " "
10.	Igzaw Boggala	"	" "	" " "
11.	Gosho Dasta	Showa	" "	" " "
12.	Das Alang	Gondar	" "	" " "
13.	Taddasa Balancho	"	" "	" " "
14.	Barambras Taganja	Gojjam	" 12. 4.36	" " "
15.	Seyoum Ingda	Begemedir	" "	" " "
16.	Bayanna Tatagelei	"	" "	" " "
17.	Allaka Takla	"	" "	" " "
18.	Tadassa	"	" "	" " "
19.	Yetamanjo Radda	"	" "	" " "
20.	Igzaw Obei	"	" "	" " "
21.	Kanyazmach Obna(& 2 young sons)	Gondar	Gallabat, ?	Returned to Abyssinia and his sons are in Gedaref.
22.	Hagos Tasamma	"	" "	Returned to Abyssinia.
23.	Bakala Gamber	"	" "	" " "
24.	Bayo Darasaling	"	" "	" " "
25.	Balamia Mockanon	"	" "	" " "
26.	Ayyana Jukan	"	" "	" " "
27.	Bayo Malki	"	" "	" " "
28.	Asfa Mamo	Simien	" "	" " "
29.	Gabra Kidan	"	" "	" " "
30.	Malkamin Asfoi	Gondar	" "	" " "
31.	Garrahom Naggash	Simien	" "	" " "
32.	Mallasa Duj	"	" "	" " "
33.	Kanno Koraji	"	" "	" " "
34.	Zanabach Mashasha (wife of Kanazmaj Obna)	"	" "	Husband left her at Gedaref as she gave birth and was ill at time of his departure.

LIST OF ABYSSINIAN REFUGEES WHO ENTERED THE SUDAN THROUGH GAMBEILA.

PERIOD III. MAY - OCTOBER, 1936.

No.	N a m e	Origin	Date & place of entry.	How disposed of	Expenses incurred £. %s.	R e m a r k s. ~~(Detailed Note attached).~~
	(a) Persons who entered the Sudan and continued their journey out of the Sudan.					
1.	Sirak Heroui	Abyssinian	June, 1936. Gambeila.	Proceeded to England September, 1936.	11.940	Cost of half 1st class fare Gambeila - Khartoum.
2/3	Gabru Hiwat Desta & wife, Ababa Ch.Takle Miriam.	Abyssinian (Shoan)	5.10.36 Gambeila	Left by S.S."Velho" from Port Sudan on 10.11.36 for Jibuti.		No expense incurred
4.	Kantiba Gabra Desta Meliki	Amhara from Sayo.(Shoan)	7.10.36 Gambeila	Left Khartoum a few days after arrival for Port Sudan en route for Jibuti.		4+5 are also in Appendix A having first entered Kassala, and then returned to Ethiopia. No expense incurred.
5.	Gushu Gabra Desta, protege of No.4	- (Shoan	-do-	-do-		
6.	George Fikada Sillasse Heroui (late First Secretary Ethiopian Foreign Office).	Abyssinian	July, 1936.	Left Port Sudan for London 2.8.36. Returned through Sudan en route Western Abyssinia 12.9.36.	14.355	The amount of £.14.355%s. represents cost of 1st class fare Malakal - Khartoum in suspense pending recovery from deposit of £.1,000 in name of Ras Imeru, Barclay's Bank, Khartoum.
7.	Madame George Heroui (wife No.6 and daughter of Ras Imeru)	-do-	Sept. 1936 Gambeila	Left Port Sudan for Aden, to join Madame Imeru, on 30.10.36.	74.335	This sum represents the cost of hotel expenses, Khartoum, rail and steamer fares to Aden and sundry expenses. In suspense pending recovery as for No.6.
8.	Daughter					
9.	Servant.					
10.	Johannes Sayed Abdel Rahman.	Abyssinian extraction. Arab from Aden.	Sept. 1936 Gambeila.	Went to Cairo 23.9.36 - paid own expenses to Cairo.	2.000	This amount represents cost of 3rd class warrant issued chargeable Gore Consulate account.
11.	Sherami Dibilo or Chouremou Dibela.					Was granted permission by Sudan Agent to transit the Sudan to return to his family in Sayo (Sept.1936). Found after his return to Abyssinia that he was concerned in political activities. If he wished to return he was not to be permitted to enter the Sudan

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No.	N a m e	Origin	Date and place of entry.	How disposed of	Expenses incurred £. %s.	R e m a r k s. ~~(Detailed Note attached.~~
			(b) Persons who entered the Sudan and remained.			
12.	Marco Beshir	Syrian	? June	In Omdurman		Late Abyssinian Agent at Gambeila.
13. 14. 15. 16.	Ato Gabremaskal Hapte Mariam. Ato Tackle Birhanu Ato Assigahigne Ato Wolde Giorgis. 13,14 & 15 Engineers, 16 Schoolmaster.	Abyssinians born in Asmara.	August 1936 Gambeila	Nos.13,15 & 16 still in Khartoum 23.1.37 - and receiving maintenance. No.14 left for France end November, 1936.	41.350	The amount of £.41.350%s maintenance to 23.1.37 has been paid from a grant of £ 100 sterling from the Abyssinian Refugee Fund from London. Wife of No.14, who is in Paris, refused entry to Sudan.
17.	Bayenne Abiu (Student)	Tigrean	5.10.36 Gambeila.	In Khartoum attending American Mission School.		No expense incurred.
18/22.	Tasfa Michael Tiko, wife and 3 children. Abyssinian Customs Official.	Abyssinian born in Eritrea.	5.10.36 Gambeila.	Still in Khartoum, 27.1.37	2.000	Sum of £.2.000%s given as charity, against Abyssinian Refugee Fund.
23.	Gadam Naasha, wife of Abyssinian driver of Transport Co.		25.10.36 Gambeila.	Residing with sister-in-law in Khartoum		No expense incurred.
24.	Wagaye Bogale	Abyssinian	Sept.1936 Gambeila.	Still in Khartoum		Accompanied No.7 to Khartoum. No expense incurred.
25.	Mahmud Ali (Mechanic & chauffeur to Emperor).	Danakla.	8.11.36 Qeissan.	Still in Khartoum.		No expense in-curred.
26. 27.	Daud (brother of No.10) Abraham (-do-)	-do- -do-	5.10.36 Gambeila. -do-	Still in Khartoum, drawing maintenance against Abyssinian Refugee Fund.	25.800	
28.	Ahmed Shadly Guman	Yemeni from Wallega	5.10.36 Gambeila	Still in Khartoum.	.975 1.000	Half fare warrant from Gambeila - Khartoum. Maintenance, chargeable against item "Other Military Expenditure".
29.	Akrong	Abyssinian (Galla)	23.9.36 Gambeila.	Still in Khartoum		Servant to Mrs.A.Voros, Greek refugee who is remaining in Khartoum.

No.	Name	Origin	Date & place of entry.	How disposed of	Expenses incurred £. ½s.	Remarks. ~~(Detailed Note attached)~~
	(c) Persons who were refused permission to enter the Sudan.					
30.	Ras Imeru					Owing to Ras Imeru's political activities a permit to enter the Sudan was refused.
31.	Madame Imeru and children.					Permission to enter the Sudan by sea from Djibouti was refused owing to Ras Imeru's political activities.
	George Fikada Sillasse Heroui (late First Secretary, Ethiopian Foreign Office).	Abyssinian	July 1936.	Left Port Sudan for London 2.6.36. Returned through Sudan en route Western Abyssinia, 12.9.36.		Refused permission to re-enter or cross Sudan territory.
	Sherami Dibilo or Chouremou Dibela.					Was granted permission by Sudan Agent to transit the Sudan to return to his family in Sayo (September, 1936). Found after his return to Abyssinia that he was concerned in political activities. If he wished to return he was not to be permitted to enter the Sudan.

APPENDIX C. PERIOD IV OCTOBER 1936 - FEBRUARY 1937.

Nominal roll of Ethiopian refugees who entered Blue Nile Province, Sudan.

NO.	NAME.	TRIBE.	DISTRICT OF ORIGIN.	APPOINTMENT OR OCCUPATION.
1.	Belatta Deressa	Galla	Wallaga Shuta - (Guma).	Governor of Guma Province.
2.	G.M.Amanti	"	" " "	Agent Bank of Ethiopia in Desse.
3.	Tekle Roru	"	" " "	Agent Bank of Ethiopia in Debra Tabur.
4.	Wadagu Shawaka	"	" " "	Chauffeur for Society National Ethiopia.
5.	Gudate Bakalsho	"	" " "	Carpenter.
6.	Wagjera Wairy	"	" " "	Servant of No.1.
7.	Wizaro Asadi Mariam	"	" " "	Wife of No.1.
8.	Liberete Adosha	"	" " "	Maid servant of No.1.
9.	Bulto Tora	"	" " "	Maid servant of No.1.
10.	Blambrassa Ashibir	Amhara	Addis Ababa - Sayo.	Director of West Wallage - Sayo.
11.	Makonnen Table	"	Addis Alam - Sayo.	Merchant.
12.	Ergado Wa-De-Sellase	"	Debra Brahan- Sayo.	Wife of No.11.
13.	Tab Desse Akawak	"	Dalji - Sayo.	Servant of No.10.
14.	Adono Balsho	"	Kampata - Sayo.	Servant of No.10.
15.	Hafti Danaka	"	Debra Braham - Sayo.	Servant of No.11.
16.	Kapadi Chokol	"	Arjo - Sayo.	Servant of No.10.
17.	Wal-Debrahan Conit	"	Syent - Sayo.	Servant of No.10.
18.	Tadasa Gebra Madham	"	Bulga - Sayo.	Chief Clerk - Sayo.
19.	Almaza Fanta	"	Bori - Sayo.	Wife of No.18.
20.	Zamado Ashga	Walamo	Walamo- Sayo.	Soldier with No.18.
21.	Desali Alamo	Amhara	Cojam - Sayo.	Soldier with No.18.
22.	Terrefi Teferi	"	Tuglat- Sayo.	Soldier with No.18.
23.	Ragadto Musa	Galla	Wallaga - Sayo.	Maid servant of No.18.
24.	Fantie	Amhara	Sayo.	Maid servant of No.18.
25.	Gebra-Mikail Fisahi	Tigre	Addis Ababa	Cashier Radio Station.
26.	Yousef Salamon	"	" "	Carpenter.
27.	Emanuel Mangasha	"	" "	Mechanic Engineer.
28.	Tisfai Gebra-Mikail	"	" "	Accountant son of No.25.
29.	Tisfai Gebra-Mariam	"	" "	Signal man in army.
30.	Teklo Maharizgi	"	" "	Signal man in army.
31.	Gebra Akba Girgis	"	" "	Painter & farrier.
32.	Tela Gerum	"	" "	Painter.
33.	Tisfai Sellase Gebra-Mikail	"	" "	Soldier.
34.	Messel Anto	"	" "	Soldier.
35.	Makali Debas	"	" "	Soldier.
36.	Gebra-Mikail Walda-Mikail	"	" "	Soldier.
37.	Goytom Beida	"	" "	Soldier.
38.	Fotowi Hagoss	"	" "	Baker, Cook, mason.
39.	Abraham Mangisto	"	" "	Soldier.
40.	Abada Gabra Kedan	"	" "	Assistant Train Driver.
41.	Haili Ahmed	"	" "	Soldier.
42.	Dahab Afti Girgis	"	" "	Mother of No.28.
43.	Efta Rella Haile-Mikail	"	" "	Wife of No.25.
44.	Zaudi Zikai	Amhara	" "	Wife of No.33.
45.	Yosi Gallata	"	" "	Wife of No.26.
46.	Tekaa Gebra Mikail	Tigre	" "	Daughter of No.25.
47.	Abarash Bayo.	Amhara	" "	Wife of No.31.

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Khartoum

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10.3.37

REFUGEES.

Ref. -/9. Transmits letter from Fitaurari Belata Daressa re. his position. Draws attention to Khartoum despatch No.134 of 1936. (240/85/36)

Last Paper.

References.

-/9.

240/85/36

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Pl. to F.O. No. 397 of 27/3

(Minutes.)

Please see para 10. of Khartoum desp. on -/1 recording the treatment accorded to Belata Daressa and his party. I think that they certainly should be allowed to stay on in the Sudan and that we might recommend this to the F.O. when sending them a copy of this desp.

H. of C. JWB 1 Mar 19

H.E.

H. Hopkinson

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Draft covering despatch attached (cancelled)

Thanmsdale

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(Action completed.) HW

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Next Paper.

Sent by F.O. Bag 27 MAR 1937

Printed despatch to F.O. No. 397 Dated 27/3 (Ref. -/9 & 240/85/36) → instructions are on -/11.

(3) AIRMAIL

49/10/37.

KHARTOUM, 10th March, 1937.

No. 39.
(93.J.19.)

BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
16 MAR 1937
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Sir,

I have the honour, with reference to Khartoum despatch No.21 of 6th February last and preceding telegrams on the subject of Ethiopian refugees, to enclose for the information of His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a letter addressed to District Commissioner Roseires by Fitaurari Belata Daressa, the late Governor of Guma Province, who is now living at Roseires with his followers while his ultimate destination remains under consideration.

2. The connection between the present unhappy situation of this official and the Galla petition of June 1936 for a British Mandate in Western Ethiopia had not previously been appreciated and may be of interest to the Foreign Office. For the details of the petition and delegation, of which Yilma Daressa was a member, I would refer Your Excellency to Khartoum despatch No.134 of 30th June, 1936.

20/85/36

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Excellency's most humble and obedient Servant,

G.S. Symes

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE SUDAN.

His Excellency
His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,
C A I R O.

11th January, 1937.

H.E. The District Commissioner,
Roseires, Sudan.

Dear Sir,

Owing to the much work you are occupied with I have not had the chance of explaining to you in full the conditions under which I was forced to leave my country.

(a) Just after the Italians have occupied Addis Ababa, Dadjazmatch Hapti Mariam, the Governor of Wallaga Province communicated with all the Galla chiefs of Western Province below Gudar River asking to be under British Protection. Their answer being accordingly they have signed up in agreement with the above proposals.

As head of the delegation to the British Government for the negotiation in regard to the above demand they elected my son Yilma Deressa because he was educated and brought up in London. Accordingly he went down to Gambeila and communicated with His Majesty's Government. He has pointed out that the people of Galla are different tribally and provincially from the people of Amhara, that they have been administered by their own chiefs only paying a definite yearly tribute to the Central Government.

(b) They sent their request through Captain Maurice at Gambeila to ask officially the Foreign Office London saying that the people of Galla (Western Ethiopia) have decided and agreed to be governed under British Protection rather than to be under Italians.

After exchange of ideas by telegram our demand have failed unfortunately to our bad luck. The news of this negotiation came to be known by the Italians and other nations. Consequently the Italians put in their mind that all the above decision was made up by my son and myself. As the result on their arrival at Wallaga they confiscated all my personal effects and property, and hunted to arrest both my son and myself, after which we were obliged to engage ourselves with H.E. Ras Emirou for resistance. During the riot my son followed H.E. Ras Emirou, and myself came to this country as a refugee to save my life from the enemy. Previously when we took up the work of this delegation, we hoped that we would save our country from the unjust and cruel Italian rule, if not to leave the country and live in British colony taking up any enterprises such as commerce or farming or the like to make a living. Having full confidence in His Majesty's Government we undertook all the risks to save our lives. Such is the case under which I had to leave my country. I would therefore be much pleased that you will consider my situation, and understand that we are by all means innocent people who would like and beg to live as refugees in your colony and we are not people who will indulge in any sort of things which is against the law of Government.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) B. DERESSA.

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Mr. Eden.

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REFUGEES

Ref. -/6 and -/9. Messages for Khartoum stating Ethiopian Minister has requested that Belata Deressa and party should be allowed to leave Roseires for some larger towns in Sudan. Possibility of transferring to Palestine Ethiopian (not Arab) refugees now in Sudan is being examined.

Last Paper.

References.

-/6
-/9.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Rep^d. Khartoum
No. 29 of 24/3

(Minutes.)

Repeat to Khartoum.
Please return to me after action.

No. 29. March 24th.

Thurmwale
23/3

K. of C.

I had just completed a draft to F.O. covering Khartoum desp. in -/10 when this telegram was received. The last para. of the telegram makes it clear that the refugees now in the Sudan are not likely to be sent back to Ethiopia against their will, so perhaps it is hardly necessary now to make the recommendation in para. 3 of the draft despatch?

Thurmwale
24/3

Send a copy of Khartoum desp 39 (49/10/37) to F.O in P.L. by today's bag, ref 49/9/37 & 240/85/36. ; & re-submit for further consideration of any comment in the light of this Tel.

JCSB March 27

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO.
23 MAR 1937
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From: Mr. Eden,
Secretary of State,
Foreign Office, SW1.

Despatched 1630 hrs 22.3.37
(Date and Time.)

To: Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
H.M.Ambassador
Cairo.

Received 0900 23.3.37
(Date and Time.)

No. 147. Dated 22.3.37

49/6/37
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Following for Khartoum.

Your telegram No.8 and despatch No. 21 to Cairo.

According to Ethiopian Minister Belata Deressa and his party are suffering severe deprivations at Roseires: all the Deressas family and the other refugees with him are ill and are unable to procure medical supplies: and some of the refugees have already died owing to the unaccustomed climate and lack of every-day necessities.

Ethiopian Minister has therefore asked that the party should be allowed to leave Roseires for some larger towns in the Sudan. If the facts are as stated I should welcome such arrangement if feasible.

Confidential. I am examining with the Colonial Office the possibility of transferring to Palestine Ethiopian (not Arab) refugees now in the Sudan. After ascertaining, if possible, whether any of these refugees desire eventually to return to Ethiopia please telegraph approximately how many there would be for transfer to Palestine. You should not, however, inform them of what is afoot since the scheme may prove impracticable.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
25 MAR 1937
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49/12/37.

Mr. Eden

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17.3.37

REFUGEES

Parliamentary Question of March 10th re. Ethiopian refugees in British territory.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

A. of C. JISB March 26 Qy. X.

S. A. to see. M 31/3

Thursday 25/3

D. Hopkins } on return

H. E.

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References.

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No. 302
(J.1090/2/1)

49/12/37.

BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
25 MAR 1937
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THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to His Majesty's Representative at Cairo and, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper, for Khartoum.

Foreign Office,
Mar 17, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence:

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
Parliamentary Question Mr Gallacher. No 1 of Mar. 10th.	Ethiopian refugees in British territory.

A similar despatch has been addressed to H.M. Representative / Consular Officer at Rome No 255 Addis Ababa No. 34.

COPY.
(J 1090/2/1)

A B Y S S I N I A.

1. Mr.Gallacher asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether any information has been received in his Department in regard to refugees from Abyssinia; whether any members of the armed forces in Abyssinia have crossed the Abyssinian frontiers into British territory; whether any women and children have accompanied them; what is the total number of refugees now in British territory; and what is the attitude of His Majesty's Government towards these refugees?

The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Mr.Eden):

According to my latest information, there are about 442 refugees from Abyssinia in territories in which His Majesty's Government have administrative responsibility. Of this number, about 70 are in the Sudan, 273 in British Somaliland, 55 in Palestine, 32 in Aden and 12 in Kenya. There are also in the Sudan some 1,500 natives of Arab origin, who fled there from the inter-tribal fighting which took place last year in Beni Shangul, a province in Abyssinia adjoining the Sudan frontier. The refugees include men, women and children. They are being cared for, but it is required of them that they should not attempt further hostilities in Ethiopia. The details connected with their admission are being dealt with by the local authorities.

Mr.Gallacher: Is any arrangement made whereby the League of Nations takes responsibility for the care of these refugees?

Mr. Eden: I think that at the moment it is we who are doing it.

10th March, 1937.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
25 MAR 1937
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Mr. Eden.

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18.3.37

REFUGEES.

Transmits correspondence with Davidson and Workman re. Abyssinian Relief Fund to assist refugees in Sudan.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

Copies to Khartoum, with P.L.

S.A. to see (a-a.). MWL 2/4

Thurmwell
25/3

References.

(Print.)

Printed despatch to Khartoum
No. 91. Dated 30/3.

SENT
31 MAR 1937

(How disposed of.)

P/L. to Khartoum
N.° 91 of 30/3.

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No. 306
(J. 1038/2/1)

49/13/37.

BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
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THE Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to His Majesty's Representative at Cairo and, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper. (for Khartoum)

Foreign Office,
Mar 18, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence :

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Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
From Davidson & Workman of Mar. 5th (transmitted by D. O).	Abyssinian Relief Fund to assist refugees in the Sudan
To ditto of Mar. 17.	

A similar despatch has been addressed to H.M. ~~Representative~~ / Consular Officer at

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Copy.

(J 1038/2/1).

2/JS.

DAVIDSON AND WORKMAN,
223, St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow, C.2.
5th March, 1937.

Dear Sir,

Abyssinian Relief Fund.

In September last a Committee was formed for the purpose of raising funds with the object of instituting a home in Western Abyssinia for the purpose of succouring destitute women and children of that country. I enclose reprint of an article which appeared in the Glasgow Evening Citizen of September 30th, 1936, which states the objects of the Fund and the names of the members of the Committee.

Not repeated to Cairo

Unfortunately the appeal did not meet with public support and only a small sum has been raised, and it is now realised that it is quite impossible to contemplate the fulfilment of the proposed scheme.

The Committee have therefore decided to discontinue their appeal and devote the money raised to assist in succouring the Abyssinian Refugees who have gone to the Sudan. I have accordingly been instructed to ask you if you would be good enough to advise me of the name and address of any responsible person in the Sudan who would undertake to distribute the sum of money which has been raised, about £150, for the benefit of such refugees.

If you cannot yourself give me the name of such a person I should be obliged if you could refer me to the appropriate government official in the Sudan to whom I might apply for the information.

Thanking/

Right Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, M.P.,
H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies,
House of Commons,
Westminster,
London.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply.

Yours etc.,

(Signed) LYALL K.HUTCHISON.

Secretary.

J 1038/2/1.

FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

17th March, 1937.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Eden to invite a reference to your letter 2/JS of 5th March to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, on the subject of a fund which has been organised in Glasgow for the relief of refugees from Ethiopia.

2. Mr. Eden understands that the Government of the Sudan would be prepared to receive and distribute small remittances for the relief of those refugees from Ethiopia who have entered the Sudan. I am therefore to advise you to communicate with the Civil Secretary, Sudan Government, Khartoum, who Mr. Eden feels sure will afford you all the assistance you require.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sd.) RONALD CAMPBELL.

The Secretary,

Davidson and Workman,

223, St. Vincent Street,

Glasgow, C.2.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
30 MAR 1937
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UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(ref F.O despatch No 306 of March 18)
(Extra copy of enclosure.)

Foreign Office,

March 22, 1937.

H.M. Ambassador,
British Embassy
Cairo.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
25 MAR 1937
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25.3.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/11 Report is wholly unfounded.

Last Paper.

References.

-/11.

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(How disposed of.)

Rep^d. FO N°. 197 of 28/3

(Minutes.)

Pks out

Repeat to F.O. [ref. -/11.]

No. 197 dated 28/3. Thurundale 27/3

H. of C.

& re-submit.

JCSB
March 27.

As Mr Ravensdale points out on 49/11/37

F.O Tel (paras 2 & 3) shows that HMG are quite agreeable to the refugees either staying in the Sudan or being removed to Palestine; so that the recommendation on our part, proposed on 49/10/37 appears unnecessary.

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H.E.

S. A to see the correspondence.

Seen. MSL 6/4/37

J.C. Stewdale Bennett
April 3

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
25 MAR 1937
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From:
From Sir Stewart Symes,
Governor-General,
Khartoum.

Despatched 1500 hrs. 25.3.37.
(Date and Time.)

To:
To Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
His Majesty's Ambassador,
Cairo.

Received 1800 hrs. 25.3.37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 29. Dated 25.3.37.

Foreign Office telegram No.147.

Report is wholly unfounded. Refugees were recently inspected by a very senior member of my staff who found them in good health (though rather bored) and the Governor of the Blue Nile has confirmed to-day that there have been no cases of serious illness and no deaths. Minor ailments are treated free by a resident doctor at the Government hospital.

Out of the present (group ?) of 63 full rations are being issued to 31.

It will not be possible to reply to confidential enquiry before April 4.

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Mr. Eden.

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10.4.37

REFUGEES

Message for Khartoum re. desire of Emperor of Ethiopia to send 5,000 Marie Theresa dollars to Fitaurari Zaude Ayela.

Last Paper.

References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Tel. to Khartoum
No 37 of 11/4

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Repeated Khartoum

This seems a dangerous proceeding.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
12 APR 1937
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From:
From Mr. Anthony Eden,
Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

To:
To Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
H.M. AMBASSADOR,
Cairo.

Despatched 2342 hrs. 10.4. 37.
(Date and Time.)

Received 11.4. 37 hrs. 11.4. 37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 186. Dated 10.4. 37.

Immediate.

Secret.

Following for Khartoum.

Emperor of Ethiopia has asked permission to send sum of 5,000 Marie Theresa dollars to his cousin, Fitaurari Zaude Ayela, the Governor of Maji (who it is now believed has retreated to Bako after being defeated by the Italians) as otherwise he fears the Governor will be unable to escape from Abyssinia which he probably could not do without paying his soldiers, etc.

I have agreed to the Emperor's request provided the money is accompanied by a letter (for the contents of which Colonel Sandford, who is now in England, has undertaken to make himself responsible) from His Imperial Majesty, telling the Governor to leave Abyssinia.

You will realize that the matter is very urgent. It would save time and lessen possible risk of publicity if 5,000 Marie Theresa dollars could be available at short notice with Captain Whalley on the Boma plateau for transmission to the Governor's representative should it be decided to send money by this route. (Emperor would pay the Foreign Office sterling equivalent which would then be credited to the Sudan Government). Please telegraph urgently whether this would be possible.

Repeated to Khartoum
Immediate.
No. 37. 1030 hrs. 11/4.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
12 APR 1937
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Khartoum

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12.4.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/15. Answers to message in -/15 re. 5000 M.T. dollars for Zaude

Last Paper.

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Repeat to F.O. marked / immediate
No. 248. / 13/4.

H. of C. } a.a.
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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
12 APR 1937
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From: Sir S. Symes,
Governor-General,
Khartoum.

To: Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
H.M. Ambassador
Cairo.

Despatched 1353 hrs 12.4.37 (Date and Time.)

Received 1800 hrs 12.4.37 (Date and Time.)

No. 137. Dated 12.4.37

Urgent.

Foreign Office telegram No.186.

5000 dollars could be made available at Boma or elsewhere in a minimum period from three to five weeks according to steamer's departures to Juba.

In view of the Italian occupation of Maji it seems, however, improbable that Capt. Whalley could or should arrange to transmit or even to communicate with Zaude across an Italian belt of occupation.

Sudan Government would have no objection to holding 5000 dollars or its equivalent in Sudan currency to Zaude's credit against his arrival in this country and I would suggest that Kenya might be requested to make similar ~~[illegible]~~ contingent provisions in case he may wish to enter British territory at Lake Rudolf.

In the meantime I should be grateful for instructions whether I should take the step of asking Captain Whalley to attempt to let Zaude know that provision is being made by the Emperor for his assistance in the manner stated.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
13 APR 1937
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49/17/37.

Mr. Eden.

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12.4.37

REFUGEES.

Ref. -/15. Message for Khartoum enquiring what dollar-sterling rate of exchange would be

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

Repeat to Khartoum. No. 38. 13/2/37.

References.

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H. of C. } a.a. with p.p.
H.E.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
13 APR 1937
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From:
From Mr. Anthony Eden,
Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

Despatched 1820 hrs. 12.4.37
(Date and Time.)

To:
To Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
His Majesty's Ambassador,
Cairo.

Received 0900 hrs. 13.4.37
(Date and Time.)

No. 188. Dated 12.4.37.

My telegram No.186.

Following for Khartoum.

If the project is feasible please telegraph what the dollar - sterling rate of exchange would be.

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Khartoum

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13.4.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/14. Total number now at Roseires is 71. Number estimated for eventual transfer to Palestine is 40 or 50.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

Repeat to F.O. No. 252 of 14/4.

References.

-/14

-/11.

H. of C.
JDB
April 20

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(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Rep^d. F.O. N°. 252 of 14/4

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TELEGRAM.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
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From: Sir S. Symes,
Governor-General
Khartoum.

To: Sir Miles Lampson
~~HIGH-COMMISSIONER-FOR EGYPT~~
H.M. Ambassador
Cairo.

Despatched 1428 hrs 13.4.37 (Date and Time.)

Received 0900 hrs 14.4.37 (Date and Time.)

No. 38. Dated 13.4.37

-/14

My telegram No. 29.

Total number now at Roseires is 71 none of whom wishes to return to Abyssinia. All, with five exceptions, are willing to be sent to any domicile arranged with His Majesty's Government by the Emperor who notified them in February that he was doing so.

Of the exceptions two prefer the Sudan, one (subject to the Emperor's approval) Kenya, one Turkey and one Jerusalem.

Arrangements are now being made to remove all of them as soon as possible to Khartoum or other suitable northern centres and to support them on the lines desired by the various interested societies (as communicated privately by Sir S. Barton) with funds to be supplied.

Secret. It is not improbable that a number may be employed or settle in the Sudan and the number estimated for eventual transfer to Palestine (if approved) may be in the neighbourhood of 40 or 50 including wives and servants.

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Khartoum

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16.4.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/17. Cost of 5,000 M.T. dollars would be roughly £.500.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

Repeat to F.O. No. 261. of 16/4

References.

-/17.

H.E. } a.a.
H. of C. }
JCB April 23

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TELEGRAM.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
16 APR 1937
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From:
From Sir Stewart Symes,
Governor-General,
Khartoum.

Despatched 1425 hrs. 16.4. 37.
(Date and Time.)

To:
To Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
H.M. AMBASSADOR,
Cairo.

Received 1800 hrs. 16.4. 37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 43. Dated 16.4. 37.

Foreign Office telegram No. 188.

Cost of five thousand dollars would be approximately £500 sterling.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
27 APR 1937
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Khartoum

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20.4.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/18. Transmits correspondence between Sir S. Barton and Mr. Gillan re. "Abyssinian Refugees Relief Fund".

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

I suppose the F.O. should have copies of this.

H. of C. Yes 5/5/37 May 6

H. E.

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References.

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-/18

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P.L. to F.O. No. 603 of 7/5

Printed despatch to F.O. Sent by F.O. Bag.
No. 603 Dated 7/5. 8 MAY 1937

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No.60.
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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
27 APR 1937
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The Governor-General of the Sudan presents his compliments to His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, the Embassy, Cairo, and transmits herewith copy of the undermentioned paper.

Governor-General's Office
Khartoum, 20th April, 1937.

Reference to previous correspondence :—

Khartoum telegram No.38 of 13th April, 1937.

Description of enclosure :—

Sir S. Barton to Mr. J.A. Gillan, 1st April, 1937	Abyssinian Refugees.
Mr. J.A. Gillan to Sir S. Barton, 18th April, 1937	-do-

(McC. 4147) S.G. 432 CS. 1000 7/32

COPY.

19, Chessington Avenue,
Finchley, N.3.

1st April, 1937.

Dear Gillan,

An appeal has recently been launched here (see letter in "The Times" of 24th March under the signature of the Bishop of London and others) for an "Abyssinian Refugees Relief Fund" to assist Abyssinian refugees outside Abyssinia.

I am on the Committee of the Fund - which is strictly non-political - and we have details more or less accurate of the refugees in some 5 or 6 centres. I have seen your Government's report on those in the Sudan from which I gather that you would be willing to undertake the distribution of any sums which may be available from foreign sources for their relief.

I am therefore venturing to write privately to invoke your good offices in the event of any initial grant being remitted by the Committee and should be very grateful if you could allow one of your officials in touch with the group at Roseires to act as almoner in collaboration if possible with Belata Deressa, for the distribution of any sum remitted for relief of the refugees in whatever way his discretion may indicate as being most urgent - such as the provision of medical attention, food, shelter, schooling, etc.

If this is not possible could you give us the name of a reliable British Missionary or other person who might be willing to help, as we wish to avoid sending money to Abyssinians direct.

Further, with a view to shaping a policy for the future, we should be particularly grateful for a report by the almoner on the numbers, condition and resources of the refugees, with recommendations as to their most urgent needs and the cost of meeting these.

With many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) SIDNEY BARTON.

J.A. Gillan, Esq., C.M.G.

COPY. Khartoum

18th April, 1937.

(Dear Sir Sidney),

In reply to your letter of 1st April, we shall be very willing to further the aims of your Committee in any way possible, and shall continue to care for Ethiopian refugees through official channels, so that it will not be necessary to appoint unofficial almoners.

The co-ordination of relief work is in the hands of the Controller of Public Security under my direction and any sums which your Committee may forward will be issued through the District Commiss--ioners concerned with the assistance of Fitaurari Belata Daressa (in the case of those refugees with him).

Arrangements are now being made to move the refugees from Roseires to northern centres before the rainy season, and I do not think any useful purpose would be served by the preparation of detailed reports on the lines suggested by you until they have been sorted out in their new localities.

I should be grateful if you would assure your Committee that all urgent needs have been already met at Sudan Government expense, including (when necessary) medical attention and food. The immediate additional requirements are principally luxuries and accommodation in private houses for which rent must be paid. The total number now at Roseires is 71, of whom 31 are being wholly maintained. It is roughly estimated that the maintenance of all the refugees at Khartoum, including suitable acommodation, light and water, will be

in the neighbourhood of £.138 per mensem. The details will be communicated to your Secretary in due course.

I have seen the highly coloured description of Roseires which has been printed for circulation, and have also myself seen the refugees and their accommodation here. I can assure you that the reports which Dr. Martin has received are unfounded and that the lot of the Sudan refugees is less unhappy than his ungrateful correspondents admit. But I agree (as stated above) that it will be better to get them out before the rains.

With all good wishes to yourself and Lady Barton,

(Yours sincerely),

(Signed) J.A. GILLAN.

Sir Sidney Barton, G.B.E., K.C.V.O., C.M.G.,
19, Chessington Avenue,
Finchley,
London, N.3.

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Mr. Eden.

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3.5.37

REFUGEES

Message for Khartoum re. -/16 and -/19, informing that no further action need be taken at present.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

Repeat to Khartoum. No. 56. 5/5.

References.

-/16
-/19.

H.E.
H. of E. } a.a.
Jun 13
May 11

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Rep^d. Khartoum No. 56
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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
4 MAY 1937
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From: Mr. Anthony Eden,
Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

Despatched 1940 hrs. 3.5.37.
(Date and Time.)

To: Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
His Majesty's Ambassador,
Cairo.

Received 0900 hrs. ~~0900~~ 4.5.37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 225. Dated 3.5.37.

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Following for Khartoum.

Your telegrams Nos. 37 and 43 to Cairo.

You need take no further action at present.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
5 JUN 1937
RECEIVED

49/22/37.

Canon Luka

2.6.37

REFUGEES

Transmits letter from H.E.D. Amde Mikhael re. whereabouts of his wife in Kenya.

Last Paper.

References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Printed ackgmnt. sent.

Despatch to Kenya of 11/6

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Next Paper.

(Minutes.)

Daj. Amde Mikhael called this morning with an interpreter to enquire whether any action had been taken on Canon Ibrahim Luka's letter. I told him that we had not had time to deal with it over the weekend and then took the opportunity to ask him whether he could give any particulars which would assist in identifying his wife, such as the route by which she entered Kenya, or the date of her entry. Unfortunately he could not add any information except that his wife is believed to have entered Kenya direct from Abyssinian territory. The name of his wife is Waizero Kalama Work. Dajazmak Amde stated that he himself left Abyssinia with the Emperor and that up to the time of his departure he was governor of Amussi province.

I said that we would consider the possibility of telegraphing to Kenya. His present address is

6, Sharia Bahat Ali,

Zamalek.

I should add that Canon Luka, who has passed on Amde Mikhael's letter to us, is well-known to the Omdurman Secretariat and we are glad to help him wherever possible.

I suggest that we might telegraph to Kenya as requested although the data are very meagre. The poor man is very anxious about the fate of his wife.

Thr. Avensdale
8/6

O.S.
H. of C.

I suggest this enquiry is made by airmail –

Jamieson
8/6.

Yes.
JCSB
June 10

Draft letter attached
Thr.
10/6

Bv 6/7th
Now see desp. from Kenya
Go by in
Thr
9/7

File Number:—

Rev. Eighomenos I. Luka
Coptic Church
Heliopolis
Tel. 62863

BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
RECEIVED

49/22/37.

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June 2nd. 1937.

Dear Mr. Smart,

I have receaved the letter sent herewith from H.E.D.Amde Mikhael , the Ethopian , who lives in Cairo at present. I shall be very grateful if you will kindly give care and consideration to his reqest and let me know when you come to any result re this question.

With thanks in anticipation, Iam ,

Yours very sincerely,

Ibrahim Luka

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Rev. Eighomenos T. Luka.
Coptic Church.
Heliopolis.

Cairo 2/6/37

Dear Reverend.

I most respectfully beg to inform you that I have just received a telegram from Emperor Haile Sillassie in England, which informs me that my wife by name Waizero Kalama Work has arrived in Kenya, and as her whereabouts, is not known, I will be very gratefull if you will kindly communicate with the British Embassy here, inorder to ask Kenya govt Telegraphically of her exact whereabouts, in Kenya provinces. ~~and that~~ All the necessary expenses will be paid by me. please excuse my trobling you. [illegible]

Yours Sincerely
Daz. Amde.

Registry No. 49/22/37

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO,

11/6 1937.

Draft. despatch.

Sir Miles Lampson

to

H.E.
Sir R. Brooke-Popham, etc.,
The Governor, ~~of~~ Kenya.

No. —

SENT 14 JUN 1937

AIR MAIL

A/OS. 11.6
H. of C.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have been requested by Dajazmak Amde Mikhael, who is at present living in Cairo and states that he was formerly governor of Aroussi province, Abyssinia, to ascertain, if possible, the present whereabouts of his wife, Waizero Kalama Work, who, according to information which Dajazmak Amde Mikhael claims to have received from the ex-Emperor of Ethiopia, is now in Kenya.

2. In conversation with a member of my staff Dajazmak Amde Mikhael stated that he was unable to supply any information as regards the route or the date of his wife's alleged ~~xxxix~~ entry into Kenya. He thought it likely, however, that ~~his~~ she must have entered Kenya direct from Abyssinian territory. In view of ~~his~~ Amde Mikhael's anxiety about the fate of his wife I should be ~~glad~~ grateful if, enquiries could be made with the object of ascertaining her present whereabouts and whether she is well. ~~I should be grateful to be informed urgently of any particulars which I might communicate to Dajazmak Amde Mikhael.~~

provided that H.E. has no objection,

JCB.
June 11

(Sgd.) MILES W. LAMPSON

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Jerusalem.

I/491/36

25.6.37

REFUGEES

Transmits copies of telegrams exchanged with Colonial Office and Nairobi regarding Dejazmatch Amde and his wife Kalem Works. Requests Amde be asked what arrangements he is making for his wife to join him.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

See F.O. tel. & minutes 05/24.

Thurawstall
29/6

References.

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49/22/37

H. J.C.
JD13
July 5

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Government of Palestine.

BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
25 JUN 1937
RECEIVED

In replying to this letter please quote the date and reference number.

I/491/36.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Jerusalem.

25 June, 1937.

Dear Chancery,

Copies of telegrams exchanged with the Secretary of State and the Governor of Kenya are enclosed regarding Dejazmatch Amde, and his wife Kalem Works, who is in Kenya, and for whom the Ethiopian Legation in London have requested visa facilities for Palestine to enable her to join her husband.

As Amde is at present living in Cairo we should be obliged if you would be good enough to ascertain and telegraph to the Governor, Kenya, with a copy to the Secretary of State what arrangements are being made by Amde for his wife to join him at Cairo or in Palestine.

Yours ever,

D. Jacob
JERUSALEM SECRETARIAT.

The Chancery,
The Residency,
Cairo.

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C.S.O. 67.

TELEGRAM

From

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE, TRANS-JORDAN.

Despatched 25.6.37.

To Governor, Nairobi.

GPP. 2002—6000—15-10-36

No.96.

Your telegram No.448.

Amde is at present in Cairo and his intentions are not known. He has been informed by letter of facilities offered and I am asking Embassy Cairo to ascertain and telegraph to you his proposals.

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137 C.S.O. 53.

TELEGRAM

From Governor, Kenya

Despatched 24.6.37

To

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE,

~~TRANSJORDANX~~

Received 24.6.37.

GPP. 2001—6000—10-10-36

No. 448

Your telegram No. 93.

Letter from Ambassador Cairo dated 11th June states Dejazmatch Amde living in Cairo. If he has now moved permanently to Palestine grateful if you inform me what arrangements he proposes to make for wife to join him.

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TELEGRAM

From
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE, JERUSALEM.

Dated: 19.6.37

Despatched

To Secretary of State.

No. 296.

Your telegram No. 306.

No objection to grant of facilities to Kalem Works to join her husband in Palestine or for latter to proceed to Kenya and return to Palestine with her.

Kenya informed direct. Amde is now in Cairo and his arrangements for journey are unknown. He is being informed of grant of facilities by letter.

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C.S.O. 53.

TELEGRAM

From Secretary of State.

Despatched 11.6.37

To

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE,

~~TRANSJORDAN~~

Received 12.6.37.

GPP. 2001—6000—10-10-36

No. 306.

Kalem Works, wife of Dejazmatch Amde (13 on list enclosed with your despatch No.116/M of 6th August, 1936 to High Commissioner for Egypt) is now in Kenya and Ethiopian Legation have asked that facilities may be accorded either to enable the latter to proceed to Kenya and return to Palestine with his wife or for her to proceed to Palestine alone to join him. Legation being informed no objection subject to your concurrence. Please inform Kenya direct. Also whether person named will travel by air or otherwise. Repeat to me. Understand arrangements for journey would be made by persons concerned.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
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49/24/37.

Mr. Eden.

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28.6.37

REFUGEES

Asks to issue visas to enable Dejazmatch Amde to proceed to Kenya.

Last Paper.

References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Letter to Jerusalem Secretariat, of 6/7.

Tel. to Nairobi 6/7.

Rep. F.O. No. 74(S) of 6/7.

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(Minutes.)

I asked Canon Luka yesterday to ask Dejazmatch Amde to come and see me but Canon Luka stated that ~~he~~ Amde was undergoing a minor operation in hospital and could not come himself. His nephew came this evening however and I gave him the gist of the telegrams in -/23. The nephew confirmed that Dejazmatch Amde had received a letter from the Palestine Government stating that facilities were granted for himself and his wife to proceed to Palestine, but stated that he could not make up his mind about arrangements for his wife's journey until he received a reply to a letter which he wrote to his wife about three weeks ago. It appears that the object of this letter was to enquire how many relatives and other persons were with his wife and whether they also wished to leave Kenya for Palestine.

I pointed out that the facilities mentioned in the telegram from the Government of Palestine applied only to Dejazmatch Amde and his wife and that if his wife was anxious to bring her relatives or anybody else with her it would be necessary to obtain separate permission for any additional persons.

Unfortunately Dejazmatch Amde is not at all certain of his wife's exact whereabouts and it is

/possible

possible that his letter may not have reached her. In any case he finds it difficult to decide, until he hears from her, whether he should go to Kenya to fetch her or whether she should join him here or in Palestine. After some discussion it was agreed that we should wait another two days to see whether a reply was forthcoming from his wife; if not, they would like us to write to Kenya to find out her exact address and whether she has any relatives or friends with her. As a result of his illness it seems unlikely that Dejazmatch Amde will be able to undertake a journey either to Kenya or to Palestine within the next fortnight or so.

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29/6

O.S. [illegible] 30/6
H. of E.
[illegible] June 30

Bring up July 2

Dejazmach Amde's nephew came to see me again today and said that although Amde had not received a reply from his wife yet he had been able to ascertain that a more recent letter sent to her by air mail had reached her and that therefore a reply would soon be forthcoming. He is still unable to decide until he hears from his wife whether he should go to Kenya or not; apart from that it is not at all certain that he will be fit to make the journey when the time comes in view of his recent operation. He has decided, however, that if he goes to pick up his wife in Kenya he will travel by sea both ways; similarly his wife will also travel by sea if she proceeds to Palestine on her own.

2. Amde's nephew also said that his wife would have to be accompanied by one female servant; Amde would therefore be glad if we could ask the Palestine Government for permission for this servant to accompany them.

3. Draft letter to Jerusalem Secretariat and

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Reference.....

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draft telegram to Kenya attached.

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1st July, 1937.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
29 JUN 1937
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From:
From Mr. Anthony Eden,
Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

To:
To Sir Miles Lampson,
~~HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR EGYPT~~
His Majesty's Ambassador,
Cairo.

Despatched 1755 hrs. 28.6.37.
(Date and Time.)

Received 0900 hrs. 29.6.37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 303. Dated 28.6.37.

Permission has been given for Dejazmatch Amde (Zamalek, 12 Rue Amis Pasha, Cairo) to proceed to Kenya and return to Palestine with his wife who recently fled into Kenya from Abyssinia.

Please issue to Amde the necessary visas to enable him to proceed to Kenya. He is being informed of the grant of facilities direct. As regards the journey, he is responsible for his own arrangements.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO,

6/7 1937

Draft. letter

Chancery

to

Secretariat, Jerusalem.

[49/23/37]

SENT 17 JUL 1937

Dear Secretariat,

Your letter I/491/36 of June 25th regarding the grant of visa facilities to enable Dejazmach Amde and his wife ~~Kalem Works~~ Kalama Work, who is at present in Kenya, to enter Palestine. N.P. We have been in touch with Amde's nephew as Amde himself has recently undergone a minor operation and is confined to his house for the time being.

The nephew states that Amde has written to his wife and is awaiting a reply from her before deciding whether or not he should go to Kenya to accompany her thence to Palestine. It appears, in any case, that Amde is unfit at present to make the journey and for these two reasons is unable as yet to come to any definite decision about the arrangements for their journey.

A further point raised by Amde's nephew was that Amde considered it desirable that his wife should be accompanied by one female servant when she eventually proceeds to Palestine. Will you therefore let us know as soon as possible whether a visa may also be granted to the female servant whom they wish to ~~take~~ have with them ?

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

JCSB
July 5

Draft. telegram

Sir Miles Lampson

to

The Governor,
Kenya.

Sent by Air Mail
7 JUL 1937
[49/23/37]

No. (Saving)
enclosure by Air Mail.

Repeated to F.O. Saving.
Ref F.O. Cir. No. 303
in 49/24/37 [No. 74 (Saving)]
(by bag)

Sent by F.O. Bag
10 JUL 1937

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Registry No. 49/24/37.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO,

6th July 1937.

Addressed to Nairobi
repeated to F.O. No. 74 (Saving) (with ref. to F.O. Cir. No. 303).

Jerusalem telegram No.96.

Amde is awaiting reply to a letter which he has sent to his wife before deciding upon arrangements for her journey. In any case he is at present confined to his house owing to ~~indisposition~~ illness and if he decides to go to Kenya himself to fetch her must wait a little time until he is sufficiently recovered. Amde wishes his wife to be accompanied by one female servant and permission for the grant of visa facilities for the servant is being sought from Government of Palestine.

JC 313
July 5

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Nairobi.

22.6.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/22. Transmits telegraphic correspondence with Colonial Office re. wife of Dejazmach Amde. Asks what arrangements Amde proposes to make re. her journey to Palestine.

Last Paper.

References.

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Tel. to Nairobi 17/7
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(Minutes.)

Amde's nephew happened to call to-day so I told him that Amde's wife was accomodated near Kitale. He said that this confirmed what Amde had heard from the Ethiopian Legation in London.

He will let me know in due course what arrangements Amde proposes to make about his wife's journey to Palestine.

B.U. July 13.

Thurmdale
6/7

H. of C.
July 8

B.U. July 18th

Amde and his nephew called again to-day to enquire whether the nephew could go to Kenya, instead of Amde himself, to fetch Amde's wife to Egypt. After a good deal of discussion and consultation with Mr.

/Tomlyn

Tomlyn it was agreed that this was not expedient as Amde's nephew would first of all have to obtain an extension of his Palestine visa before the Egyptian authorities would consider allowing him to re-enter Egypt. This would obviously take some time, so Amde decided that he himself would go to Kenya, by direct sea route.

He therefore requires a visa for Kenya, and, in order that he may be readmitted into Egypt, a new visa for Palestine. F.O. telegram No.303 in-/24 gives us the necessary authority to issue a visa for Kenya. Jerusalem telegram No.296 of June 19th to the Secretary of State in-/23 is presumably sufficient authority for us to give him a visa for Palestine as the existing visa expired on June 26th, both gratis.

Amde will inform me shortly of the arrangements for his voyage, which should be communicated to Kenya and F.O.

Mr. Hamilton. [illegible] 16/7
Mr. Warton - passport attached.

Thurmadan
16/7

Amde's nephew called again this morning and I attach draft telegram to Kenya based on what he told me. Cost of tel. to be recovered in due course.

Thurmadan

O.S.
H. of E. 50 July 17

I should add that the nephew has now obtained a visa authorising him to return to Egypt once more.

Th.
17/7

Cost of telegram is £E 6.479

[illegible] 19/7

KENYA.

NO.

49/25/37.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

SECRET.

22 JUNE, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch No. 49/22/37 of the 11th June regarding an enquiry by Dejazmach Amde Mikhael as to the whereabouts of his wife, Waizero Kalama Work, and to inform you this lady took refuge in this Colony with a number of other Ethiopian notables on the 15th May last and is now accommodated near Kitale.

2. I enclose copies of telegraphic correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies from which it will be observed that it was understood Dejazmach Amde was in Palestine and that he would make arrangements, subject to the concurrence of the High Commissioner, for his wife to join him there.

3. I shall be glad if Your Excellency will inform me in due course what arrangements Dejazmach Amde proposes to make in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

R Brooke-Popham

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL,

GOVERNOR.

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR,
EXTRAORDINARY & PLENIPOTENTIARY,
BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.

TELEGRAM FROM THE COLONIAL OFFICE
TO H.E. THE GOVERNOR, NAIROBI.

Despatched 11th June, 1937.
Received and typed 12th June, 1937.

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134. Husband of KAIRE SORK refugee now in Palestine and Ethiopian Legation have asked that facilities may be accorded either to enable him to go to Kenya and return to Palestine with wife or for her to go to Palestine to join him. Legation being informed no objection subject to concurrence of High Commissioner for Palestine who is being asked to inform you direct. Understand arrangements for journey would be made by person concerned.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G. T. C. TELEGRAM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched 27th May, 1937.

UNNUMBERED. Secret. Your Secret telegram of 8th May. ZAUDE AYELA now at LOKITAUNG and receiving every possible courtesy. He requests Emperor may be informed of his safe arrival with NEGRADAS KEFILE DADI, NEGRADAS BAKALA, HAPTE GAVRIL, ANAYE DAUDI, LIJ ALEMAYOU BALAINA and KALEM WORK wife of DEJAZMACH AMDE. Last named asks for information from Emperor of present whereabouts of husband. It is proposed to concentrate these and 370 other Ethiopian refugees at KAPENGURIA near KITALE as soon as arrangements to move them from LOKITAUNG can be made. In the meantime as his presence is likely to cause embarrassment to this Government earliest instructions regarding disposal of first person named and any other higher Ethiopian dignitaries would be appreciated. Any remittance from Emperor should be preferably through Government.

GOVERNOR.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO,

17th July 1937.

Draft. telegram

to

Governor, Kenya.

No. - [49/25/37]

Cypher

Sent by Air Mail 19 JUL 1937

No. 87 (Saving)

Repeat to F.O. (Saving) ref. F.O. tel. No.303 in -/24.

O. S. 18/7.

H. of C.

Recover cost.

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Addressed to Nairobi rep. 1315 LB

6 Fo. No. 87 (Saving)

Your unnumbered despatch of June 22nd.

Owing to recent illness Amde feels unequal to strain of journey to Kenya and would prefer to send his nephew, Menbereu Yayeh Yrad, to accompany his wife to Egypt. Please reply ~~xxxxxxx~~ by telegraph whether visa may be granted to Amde's nephew for this purpose.

Amde has booked passage for either himself or nephew on French ship "Angers" due Mombasa August 1st. ~~and~~ He will come himself if authorisation cannot be granted to nephew.

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Jerusalem

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REFUGEES

Ref. -/24. No objection to grant of visa to one female servant accompanying K. Work.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

I have informed Amdi's nephew accordingly. We should inform Kenya in due course ~~No further action necessary until~~ that the servant can be admitted to Egypt (see tel. ~~the servant arrives here with Amdi's~~ & minutes in -/27). ~~wife.~~

Thurmdale
20/7

References.

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Government of Palestine.

BRITISH EMBASSY, CAIRO
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In replying to this letter please quote the date and reference number.

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Chief Secretary's Office,
Jerusalem.

17 July, 1937.

Dear Chancery,

Please refer to your letter No.49/24/37 of the 6th July, regarding the grant of visa facilities to enable Dejazmach Amde and his wife Kalama Work to enter Palestine. There is no objection to the grant of a visa for this country to one female servant accompanying Kalama Work.

Yours ever,

JERUSALEM SECRETARIAT.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Cairo,
Egypt.

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Nairobi

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20.7.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/25 No objection to grant of visa to Amde's nephew. Kalem Work wishes to bring party of three with her.

Last Paper.

References.

-/25.

(Print.)

✓ Rep^d FO N° 94 (S) of 27/7
Letter to H. L. Rabino of 23/7

✓ Tel. to Nairobi upn (S) 27/7

✓ Rep^d. FO N° 95 (S).

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(Minutes.)

This is satisfactory as far as the admission to Kenya of Amde's nephew is concerned. Amde's nephew came to see me again yesterday and said that the ship on which either Amde or Himself had proposed to travel to Mombasa had sailed a day earlier than expected, so they were obliged to wait another fortnight for the next ship. We should inform Kenya of this as soon as the nephew tells me tha new arrangements for his journey.

As regards the desire of Amde's wife to bring with her a niece and nephew in addition to a female servant, I have discussed this with Mr. Tomlyn and we are agreed that the niece and nephew stand a good chance of being admitted into Egypt for a short stay provided that they have permission to enter Palestine. As Amde's wife will hardly be able to leave Kenya for another month, there is time to write to Jerusalem to ask whether the niece and nephew could be given visas for Palestine. I will ask Amde's nephew who is here whether Amde agrees that these two persons should accompany his wife to Egypt and eventually to Palestine, and also whether the nephew Negradas Kefle is a minor or not.

After I have seen the nephew we should communicate with Kenya and possibly with Palestine.

[signature]
21/7

Amde's nephew called again last night and I informed him that he could be granted a visa to go to Kenya. I also let him know that the cost of the telegram in -/25 was £6.479mms. and he said he would inform Amde accordingly.

I then discussed with him the information in Nairobi telegram within regarding the relatives whom Amde's wife wishes to bring with her. He said that according to a letter which Amde had received from his wife, it was her intention that the nephew mentioned in her telegram should accompany her as escort; if he

/himself

himself went to Kenya to fetch her, however, there would be no need for this other nephew to accompany her. He added that in any case Amde did not want to be burdened with more relatives than necessary and as this other nephew was about 30 years old and had a family of his own Amde would in ~~of~~ all probability prefer him to remain in Kenya. He promised to let me know Amde's views on this point in a day or two, after which we shd. inform Kenya.

Menbereu said that he would leave for Kenya by ship, sailing on or about August 3rd, due at Mombasa about August 14th. He will let me know the name of the ship later.

As this man does not hold a diplomatic passpart I told him that he should obtain his visa for Kenya from the Consulate-General here. I therefore attach draft letter to the Consul-General, informing him that Kenya have authorised the grant of a visa.

T. Lavendale
22/7

H. of C.

(Please return file to me a.a.)

I attach draft saving telegram to Kenya to let them know that Amde's nephew will not arrive at Mombasa on August 1st as previously stated, (Sa -/25)

T.L.
26/7

Since I wrote the foregoing minute, Amde's nephew has called & informed me that he will leave by S.S. "Compiègne" due Mombasa Aug. 14th. I attach dft. saving tel. to Kenya.

Amde's nephew also paid the cost of the tel. to Naviolé in -/25 (L.E. 6.479). The cash is in the attached envelope.

T. Lavendale
26/7

H. of C.

Mr. Watson

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MINUTE SHEET. Reference.....

P.S.

Amdi's nephew also informed me that Amdi had finally decided that only his wife and the female servant should come here. We can therefore inform Kenya that the uncle and nephew mentioned in Kenya tel. in this jacket will not leave Kenya with Mrs. Amdi.

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From: Sir Robert Brooke-Popham,
Governor of Kenya,
Nairobi.

Despatched 1423 hrs. 20.7.37.
(Date and Time.)

To: Sir Miles Lampson,
HIS MAJESTY'S AMBASSADOR
Cairo.

Received 0900 hrs. 21.7.37.
(Date and Time.)

No.487. Dated 20.7.37.

Your telegram of July 17th.

No objection to grant of visa to Amde's nephew for the purpose in question. Kalem Work wishes to take with her Workwana her niece aged 14, Mulanabriti female servant and probably Negradas Kefle her nephew. Grateful if you telegraph if the whole party can be admitted into Egypt.

Repeat to FO.
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27.7.37

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Draft. letter.

Mr. Sterndale-Bennett

to

Mr. Rabino.

SENT 24 JUL 1937

BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO,

23/7 1937.

Dear Rabino.

At the request of the F.O., who were approached by the Ethiopian Legation in London, we have lately been in correspondence with the Governor of Kenya regarding two Abyssinian refugees, one of whom, Dejazmatch Amde, is at present in Cairo, and the other, his wife, is in Kenya. Their intention is to proceed to Palestine together ~~with~~ in due course, and Dejazmatch Amde is sending his nephew, Menbereu Yayeh Yrad (or Mennebere Yayehe Yerad) to Kenya for the purpose of escorting the lady to Egypt before she and her husband go on to Palestine.

In reply to our enquiry whether a visa could be granted to Amde's nephew for this purpose the Governor of Kenya stated that there was no objection. Menbereu Yayeh Yrad has therefore been told to obtain his visa from you and we shall be grateful if you will grant it on application. He holds Ethiopian passport No. 27/2~~1~~ème. ~~x~~ issued at Jerusalem, and ~~He~~ will probably apply within the next few days.

Yours ever

JCSB

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(Sd.) J. C. STERNDALE BENNETT

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO,

27th July 1937.

Draft. telegram
No. -(Saving)
to
Governor, Kenya.

By Air Mail Wednesday

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~~Copy to F.O.~~
Repeat to F.O. No. 95 (Saving,)
ref. -/25.

Sent by Air Mail 28 JUL 1937

Sent by Air Mail 28 JUL 1937

(En clair)

Addressed to Nairobi (Saving) rep.d to F.O. No. 95 (Saving)

Your telegram No.487 [of July 20th].

Amde's nephew will arrive at Mombasa by French steamer "Compiègne" on August 14th, and not as stated in my tel. ~~Nox~~ of July 17th.

Amde does not wish the niece and nephew named in your telegram under reference to accompany his wife to Egypt. ~~and I am~~ It seems therefore ~~taking no action regarding~~ unnecessary to enquire about the possibility of their admission. The female servant can be admitted to Egypt as permission has been obtained for her to accompany Amde and his wife to Palestine in due course.

Jcs 13.

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Mr. Eden.

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6.8.37

REFUGEES

Ref. -/18. Message for Khartoum stating that pending examination of refugee problem as whole no arrangements can be made to transfer refugees from Sudan to Palestine.

Last Paper.

References.

-/18.

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Rep^d. Khartoum No. 116 of Aug. 11th

(Minutes.)

Refugees to Khartoum.

No. 116
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From ACTING FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

Despatched 2230 hrs. 6.8.37.
(Date and Time.)

To MR. D.V. KELLY,
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
HIS MAJESTY'S ~~AMBASSADOR~~
RAMLEH. ~~Cairo~~

Received 0900 hrs. 7.8.37.
(Date and Time.)

No. 363 Dated 6.8.37.

Your telegram No. 252.

Following for Khartoum:-

Your telegram No. 38.

Pending examination of the refugee problem as a whole, no arrangements can be made to transfer refugees from the Sudan to Palestine.

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